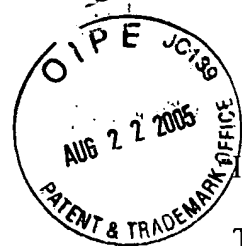


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Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated July 29, 2005 in the above-identified application. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing this application.

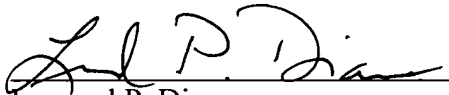
Upon reviewing the prosecution history for the above-identified application, Applicant discovered that the cited art on the PTO-1449 form attached to the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 19, 2004 has not been acknowledged as being considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached with a copy of the return-receipt post card evidencing receipt of such document by the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom. Applicant has not, to date, received confirmation that the art cited on that document was considered by the Examiner.

Accordingly, to complete the record, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward a copy of initialed Information Disclosure Statement confirming that the art cited therein has been considered and made of record herein.

It is noted that this Request is being submitted due to an error by the Patent and Trademark Office, and therefore, no time should be deducted from Applicant's term adjustment due to the filing or consideration of this paper.

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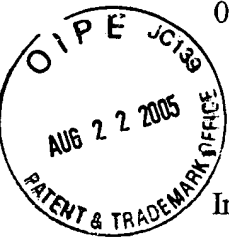
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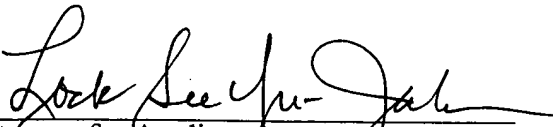
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents also are enclosed, as well as a copy of a European Search Report citing the documents in a counterpart European patent application.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

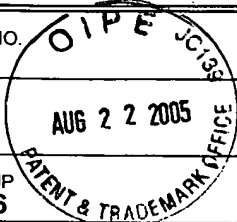
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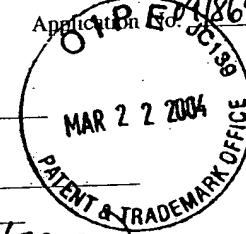


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